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Report of the Director General

1. The present report updates information provided in document GC.5/24.

2. Subsequent negotiations on the headquarters agreement between the Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the Legal Adviser of UNIDO have considerably narrowed down the unresolved issues.

3. As reported in document IDB.10/23, paragraph 3, a parallel, nearly identical text had been proposed for the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) by the Director-General of UNOV. In recent months, close consultations have taken place between the legal advisers of UNIDO and the United Nations in connection with the UNOV negotiations with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which began in early July 1994. As a result of those negotiations, the UNIDO and United Nations legal advisers decided to coordinate negotiations during the final phase with the Austrian authorities.

4. It is the intention of the parties involved to hold the next round of negotiations in the second part of October 1994 in a trilateral meeting involving the Government of Austria, the United Nations and UNIDO, with the aim of identifying appropriate solutions to the outstanding issues.

5. It is hoped that the negotiations will result in an agreed text concerning the Headquarters of UNIDO between the Republic of Austria and UNIDO before the end of 1994, so that it can be presented to the Industrial Development Board for approval at its fourteenth session.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

6. The Board may wish to take note of the present report.

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